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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION - CYPRUS QUESTION

1. TURKISH AMB TOOK OCCASION OF WEO MEETING FEBRUARY
10 TO SAY THAT HE INFORMED THAT CYPRUS PLANS TO RAISE
QUESTION OF ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS BY TURKEY
UNDER AGENDA ITEM SIX WHICH IS GENERAL HUMAN RIGHTS
VIOLATIONS ITEM. IN THIS CONNECTION, CYPRUS EXPECTED
TO PRESENT RES WHICH INTER ALIA WILL CALL FOR INVESTI-
GATORY TEAM TO VISIT CYPRUS. AMB STATED TURKEY
TOTALLY OPPOSED TO SUCH A RESOLUTION: (A) WOULD
UPSET DELICATE BALANCE ACHIEVED IN GA RES 3212 BY
SINGLING OUT HR ISSUE FROM POLITICAL CONTEXT; (B)
WOULD INTERFERE WITH CURRENT INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS
WHICH INCLUDE HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS; AND (C) UN
INVESTIGATORY TEAM WOULD INAPPROPRIATELY INVOLVE
UN IN NEGOTIATIONS WHICH UNACCEPTABLE TO TURKEY.
AMB CONCLUDED BY ASKING WEO'S TO ATTEMPT TO PERSUADE
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CYPRUS NOT TO PRESS FOR THE DEBATE AND RESOLUTION. FAILING

THAT, HE REQUESTED WEO OPPOSITION TO RES.

2. ONLY SPECIFIC REACTION AT MEETING WAS FROM AUSTRIANS WHO NOTED THAT QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN CYPRUS UNDER STUDY BY EUROPEAN HRC. AS GENERAL PRINCIPLE, HE THOUGHT IT INAPPROPRIATE FOR UN HRC TO INTERVENE WHILE MATTER STILL BEFORE EUROPEAN HRC.

3. COMMENT: IN OUR PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS, USDEL WILL PURSUANT TO POSITION PAPER PRIVATELY DISCOURAGE DEBATE IN HRC ON CONFLICTING CLAIMS CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN CYPRUS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT MANY NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES IN HRC DESIRE TO AVOID HAVING TO TAKE POSITION ON INVESTIGATORY RES ALONG LINES SAID TO BE FAVORED BY CYPUS. U.S. DAL HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT PRIVATE NEGOTIATIONS WITH EGYPTIANS AS THE MIDDLE PARTY ARE NOW GOING ON WITH THE OBJECT OF SECURING A MORE MODERATE RES WHICH MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL PARTIES. U.S. DEL WILL IMMEDIATELY INFORM DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS TEXT AVAILABLE. DALE

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